



## THE MUON G-2 EXPERIMENT AT FERMILAB

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#### THE STANDARD MODEL

The Standard Model is an extremely successful mathematical framework that describes every particle and interaction we've ever measured

But…







The hunt for Physics beyond the Standard Model continues ...

#### HOW DO WE FIND THE ANSWERS ?

1. Direct searches: Try and produce new particles directly in highenergy collisions  $\rightarrow$  e.g. LHC





2. Indirect precision measurements: Compare precise SM predictions with precise experimental measurements





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#### WHY USE MUONS ?



2<sup>nd</sup> generation elementary particle

Broadly similar to electrons, but 200x more massive. This is the "Goldilocks" Mass: Heavier than electron so more sensitive to virtual particles but lighter than a pion so no hadronic decays

Unstable: decays to  $e^-$  ,  $\overline{\nu_e}$  ,  $\nu_{\mu}$ 

2.2 μs lifetime: easy to make and manipulate at accelerators

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#### MUONS IN A MAGNETIC FIELD



Muons have spin or intrinsic angular momentum

A muon in a magnetic field will precess about the field like a spinning top  $\rightarrow$ magnetic moment

Rate of precession is proportional to magnetic field strength

<sup>g</sup> determines spin precession frequency in a magnetic field

#### MUONS IN A MAGNETIC FIELD

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#### For a pure Dirac spin-1/2 charged fermion,  $g$  is exactly  $2$

Muons are never alone: virtual particles can pop in and out of existence for a very short time and affect the muon's interaction with the

magnetic field





 $g > 2$ 



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Interactions between the muon and virtual particles alter the value of  $g$ 

## HOW TO COMPARE WITH THE STANDARD MODEL ?

Standard model components of  $g_{\mu}$ :



QED is the dominant contribution

**HLBL** is the second highest contribution to the uncertainty

HVP is the dominant contribution to the uncertainty

#### WHAT IF A NEW PARTICLE IS PRESENT ?

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All of the interesting physics is in the loop terms so we define:

$$
a_{\mu} = \frac{g-2}{2}
$$

If a new particle exists ..

 $g$  would differ from the value predicted by the SM

This would be a sign of physics beyond the SM!

To achieve this, we need very precise SM calculations and a very precise experimental measurement

## EXPERIMENTAL HISTORY OF MUON G-2



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# FERMILAB SITE

Muon campus beamline can deliver pulses of highly polarized muons to the storage ring.

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Protons accelerated in the linear collider are injected into the booster then a recycler ring before hitting a fixed target to generate pions.

Pions then decay to muons in the delivery ring.



#### THE "BIG MOVE" (2013)











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$$
\omega_a = \omega_s - \omega_c = a_\mu \frac{e}{m_\mu c} B
$$
  
To get this

**Measure these** 

Spin rotates ahead of momentum as muon orbits the ring.

At a given point in the ring spin rotates radially in and out with a frequency of  $\omega_a$ 



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- 1.45 T Magnet
- 14 m in diameter
- 12 iron yokes excited by superconducting coils
- 24 iron top hats
- 72 pole pieces
- 864 wedges

Edge shims and surface coils are used to shape the field





- 378 fixed probes above and below the storage ring monitor field during muon storage at 72 locations.
- 17 NMR probes are part of a moving "field trolley that maps field every ~3 days
- Cross-calibrate using a cylindrical plunging  $H_2O$  probe which repeatedly changes places with trolley probes to measure the same field in the same place

#### MUON INJECTION



#### Muons are injected into the storage ring and bend in the Magnetic field.



The inflector cancels out the magnetic field of the ring so that the muons are not deflected by the field as they enter the ring.

## KICKING THE BEAM INTO A STABLE ORBIT



#### Injected beam centre 77mm off from storage region centre



3 pulsed kicker magnets tweak the direction of the beam from injection trajectory to ideal orbit in the centre of aperture.



#### **TRACKERS**



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#### CALORIMETERS



There are 24 electromagnetic calorimeters around the ring. They measure time and energy decay of the  $e^+$ 9x6 arrays of PbF2 crystals Fast SiPM readout μ  $^{\prime}$ B **Calos** 

## QUADRUPOLES





The muon beam is contained horizontally by the b field

But the beam also moves vertically, to contain them 4 electrostatic quadrupoles are used.

The 4 sections cover 43% of the ring circumference.

This complicates the expression for  $\omega_{a}$ .  $\vec{\omega}_a = \vec{\omega}_s - \vec{\omega}_c = -\frac{e}{mc} \left[ a_\mu \vec{B} - a_\mu \left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma + 1} \right) (\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B}) \vec{\beta} - \left( a_\mu - \frac{1}{\gamma^2 - 1} \right) (\vec{\beta} \times \vec{E}) \right]$ 



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If the muons are just at the right magic momentum then the last term cancels !

The E-field does not contribute to  $\omega_a$ .

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However not all muons will travel at exactly the magic momentum, this requires and electric field correction.

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Although the muons are also not perfectly constrained vertically to achieve  $\vec{\beta} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$  so a pitch correction is required.

#### MEASURING MUON G-2

Due parity violation, muon decays are self-analysing, as the  $\mu^+$  spin points towards and away from the calos the number of high energy  $e^+$  oscillates as they are preferentially emitted in the direction of muon spin.

$$
\mu^+ \to e^+ \nu_e \overline{\nu}_\mu
$$

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\overline{v}_{\mu} \longrightarrow e^{+}
$$



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$$
N(t) = N_0 e^{-t/\tau} [1 - A \cos(\omega_a t + \phi)]
$$

5-parameter fit function



#### MEASURING MUON G-2

Simplest model captures exponential decay and g-2 oscillation

We must account for beam oscillations, muon losses and detector effects which shift  $\omega_a$  by a few ppm

Each beam dynamic effect contributes to an additional frequency component to the wiggle plot.



## MEASURING MUON G-2 - CORRECTIONS

There are seven effects which need to be corrected for.



- **1.** Quad Transient  $(B_q)$ : vibrations of ESQ plates which disturb magnetic field
- 2. Kicker Transient  $(B_k)$ : residual kicker eddy current.
- 1. Electric field correction ( $C_e$ ): spread in momenta of muons
- 2. Pitch Correction  $(C_p)$ : vertical oscillation of muons
- 3. Muon loss correction  $(C_{ml})$ : decay rate of muons not purely exponential.
- 4. Phase acceptance correction  $(C_{pa})$ : energy dependence of positron drift time and time dependence of calorimeter acceptance.
- 5. Differential decay correction  $(C_{dd})$ : highmomentum muons have a longer lifetime.

#### RUN 1 DATA COLLECTION AND RESULT



**Total Systematic: 157 ppb**

#### RUN 2 DATA COLLECTION AND RESULT



• Damaged resistors in 2/3 quad plates redesigned and replaced. Beam oscillation frequencies are more stable  $C_{pa}$  reduced.

• The oscillating magnetic fields from vibrating quads measured with a new NMR probe and measurement positions increased.  $B_a$  reduced

#### RUN 2/3 DATA COLLECTION AND RESULT



**Total Systematic: 70 ppb Statistical uncertainty is still higher than systematic.**

#### RUN 4/5/6 DATA COLLECTION AND FUTURE RESULT



Still analysing full dataset of 322 billion positrons  $\rightarrow$  expect to publish 2025

Statistical uncertainty: with Runs 1-6 we expect to surpass design goal of 100ppb statistical uncertainty

Running conditions: Quadrupole radio frequency switched on during Run 5 and 6. This reduced radial and vertical motion of muons giving a more stable beam and less muon losses.

Systematic uncertainty: Great efforts underway to reduce the systematics even further than run 2/3

## THE CURRENT LANDSCAPE



**IMPORTANT: THIS PLOT IS VERY ROUGH!** 

• TI White Paper result has been substituted by CMD-3 only for  $0.33 \rightarrow 1.0$  GeV.

• The NLO HVP has not been updated.

 $\cdot$  It is purely for demonstration purposes  $\rightarrow$  should not be taken as final!

#### **SUMMARY**

- Future is bright –a new muon g-2 result coming soon!
- Overall we've determined  $a_\mu$  to an unprecedented 203 ppb precision
- Already beat our systematics goal, expect to also surpass statistical goal 21x BNL.
- New result is in excellent agreement with Run-1 & BNL
- We have improved running conditions and aim to squeeze systematic uncertainty down even further.

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